



# Saddleback COMMUNICATIONS

A Division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

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September 21, 2009

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-45  
Saddleback Communications  
Annual Use Certification and Supplemental Data  
Study Area No. 457991 (rural status)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted herewith is the Annual Use Certification for Saddleback Communications, and Supplemental Data as required by 47 C.F.R. §54.202. Saddleback is an incumbent local exchange carrier which serves the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Arizona. It has been designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act since 1998. As a tribally-owned telecommunications company, it is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission and is therefore self certifying for the upcoming year.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bill Bryant  
President/General Manager

Enclosure

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STATE OF ARIZONA	§	
	§	CC Docket No. 96-45
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA	§	
INDIAN COMMUNITY	§	

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Bill Bryant of Saddleback Communications ("the Company"), who on his/her oath deposed and said:

1. "My name is Bill Bryant. I am employed by Saddleback Communications (Study Area No. 457991, rural status) in the position of President/General Manager. In this position, I am personally familiar with all Federal Universal Service support received by the Company and how these funds are used by the Company.

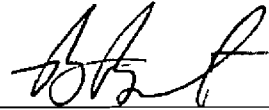
2. "Saddleback Communications was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Federal Communications Commission in CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 98-223 by order dated November 4, 1998.

3. "Saddleback Communications hereby certifies that all federal high cost support received will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act.

4. "Saddleback Communications is not subject to jurisdiction by the Arizona Corporation Commission and is therefore self-certifying for the upcoming calendar year.

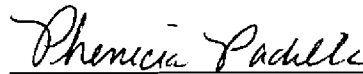
5. I have reviewed the information contained in the document captioned "CC Docket No. 96-45 Supplemental Data as Required by Section 54.202 of the Commission's Rules" to which this Affidavit is attached. All information in that document was prepared by me or by persons under my immediate supervision. All information contained therein is true and correct based upon knowledge and belief.

6. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.



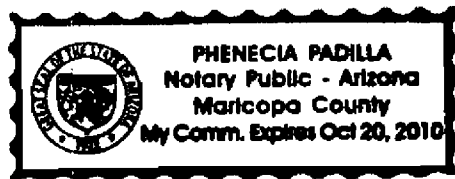
Bill Bryant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2009.



Notary Public  
State of Arizona

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**Saddleback Communications**  
**A division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

CC Docket No. 96-45

Supplemental Data as Required by Section 54.202 of the Commission's Rules

Saddleback Communications is an incumbent local exchange carrier which serves the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, a Federally recognized Indian Tribe, in Arizona.

**1.) Five-Year Plan demonstrating how high-cost universal service support will be used to improve Saddleback Communication's coverage, service quality or capacity.**

In 2008, Saddleback received a total of \$3,295,720 Universal Service Support.

**Universal Service Support Received in 2008**

LSS	\$698,304
ICLS	\$1,044,390
HCLF	\$1,519,392
Safety Net	\$8,264
Lifeline	\$25,370

In 2008, Saddleback invested \$2,111,548 in capital improvements, and had a Plant Under Construction balance of \$1,188,000 at December 31, 2008.

**2008 Actual Capital Expenditures**

<b>Telco Plant in Service Additions</b>	
Total Cable & Wire Plant	\$ 704,446
Total Central Office/Circuit Equip	\$ 1,147,342
Buildings and Land	\$ 41,047
Other Support Assets(vehicles, office and other work equipment, office equipment	\$ 218,713
Grand Total Plant Additions	<b>\$ 2,111,548</b>

Major improvements completed in previous 12 months: Replaced 3 old access nodes; Replaced old cable and wire facilities. Buried a fiber path that was easily damaged by storms.

Proposed major five-year improvements will rehab old wire and cable facilities, bury aerial fiber cable that can be easily damaged by storms, add a second softswitch to better service the area

and create redundancy, create redundant fiber paths, replace old access nodes that are no longer supported, and provide service to new areas being developed.

**Five-Year Projected Capital Expenditures**

<b>Telco Plant in Service</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Total Cable & Wire Plant	\$1,599,000	\$ 1,140,000	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,000,000
Total Central Office/Circuit Equip	\$ 1,355,000	\$ 533,450	\$ 285,000	\$ 460,000	\$ 300,000
Buildings and Land	\$ 435,000	\$ 245,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 80,000
Other Support Assets(vehicles, office and other work equipment, office equipment	\$ 142,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 80,000
<b>Grand Total Plant Additions</b>	<b>\$ 3,531,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,033,450</b>	<b>\$ 1,900,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,830,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,460,000</b>

**Total Five-Year Projected Capital Expenditures: \$11,985,000**

Proposed major five-year improvements and estimated start and completion dates:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Est. Start Date</b>	<b>Est. Completion Date</b>
Install New Softswitch	Mar 2009	Dec. 2009
Replace 5 old Access Nodes	Oct. 2009	Sept. 2010
Fiber feed to Canal Side Development	Nov. 2009	Jan. 2010
Provide service to new Diamondbacks practice facility	Oct. 2009	Dec. 2009
Rehab old copper cable at Dobson Rd.	Jan. 2010	Mar. 2010
Rehab old copper cable at Indian School Rd.	Mar. 2010	Jun. 2010
Upgrade Softswitch	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010
Bury McKellips Aerial Fiber	July 2010	Sept. 2010
Rehab old copper cable	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2013
Cable and Electronics into new Developments	Oct. 2010	Nov. 2013
Cable and Electronics at Section 12 (large new development)	Feb 2011	June 2013

**2.) Outages**

During the previous 12 month period, Saddleback did not have any outages that lasted at least 30 minutes in duration that affected at least ten percent of the users served in the area, or that potentially affected a 911 special facility.

**3.) Request for Service**

There were no requests for service from potential customer within the service area that were unfulfilled during the past year.

**4.) Complaints**

During the previous 12 month period Saddleback received zero complaints.

**5.) Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules**

Saddleback Communications will comply with all applicable consumer protection laws and industry standards, including those set forth by industry associations such as the U.S. Telecom Association.

**6.) Function in Emergency Situations**

Saddleback Communications can remain functional in emergency situations because of:

- Batteries and UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supplies)
- Three 250KW Onan generators
- FM200 fire suppression system
- Redundant fiber paths
- OC48 ring technology

**7.) Local Usage Plan**

Saddleback is the incumbent LEC in the service area.

**8.) Provide Equal Access to Long Distance Carriers**

Saddleback is the incumbent LEC and offers equal access to long distance providers.